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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (December 16-23, 2008)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is another in a series of weekly reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website, which documents contacts and clashes with the PKK, as well as casualties incurred.

[1](#)2. (U) During the December 16-23, 2008 reporting period, no security official was killed or injured. The total number of security force casualties for the year through December 23, 2008, was 140 killed and 247 injured.

[1](#)3. (U) During the same period, no PKK terrorist was killed in clashes. Three PKKers surrendered. According to official TGS website figures, through the third week of December, the number of PKK militants killed this year was 657, the number of those captured was 165, and the number of those who surrendered was 166.

[1](#)4. (U) During the reporting period no civilian casualties were incurred linked to PKK violence. The total number of civilian casualties for the year through the end of the third week of December, was 49 killed, with another 252 wounded.

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